



Year 4 Autumn Term Newsletter – Second Half

Upcoming Events



- 4th November** – Swimming starts
- 12th November** – JH and HA viking day
- 13th November** – NH, PW and KH viking day
- 8th December** – Christmas Production
- 10th December** – Christmas Production
- 16th December** – Christmas Party

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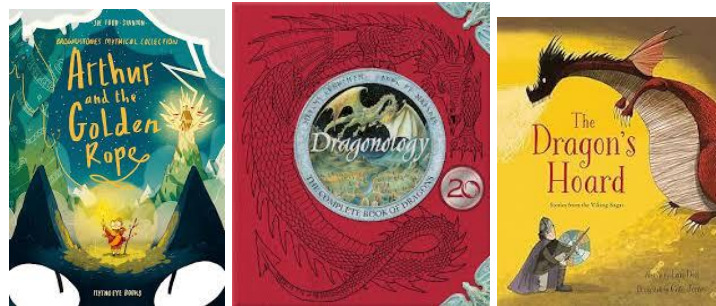
Celebrate!

Understanding your unique character strengths and learning to celebrate them. This is a fantastic module for building self-esteem.

English



This term in English, the children will be diving into the exciting picture book Arthur and the Golden Rope. Using this as inspiration, they will be developing their storytelling skills by writing short narratives that include thrilling battles against mythical beasts. The focus will be on building atmosphere, using powerful vocabulary, and crafting engaging story structures.



Afterwards, the children will be exploring a fascinating non-fiction unit inspired by the text Dragonology. They will learn how to write detailed non-chronological reports all about dragons, focusing on organising information under clear headings, using technical vocabulary, and including interesting facts and descriptions. This unit will help them develop research, planning and factual writing skills while letting their imaginations soar!

In Guided Reading, the children will be reading The Dragon's Hoard, a collection of Viking sagas filled with adventure and intrigue. Through these exciting stories, they will work on improving their vocabulary, deepening their comprehension skills, and developing strategies such as visualising and questioning to enhance their understanding of the text.

Home Learning



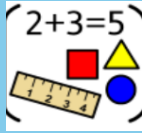
	Details	Days Handed Out	Days Handed Back In
Reading Homework	Essential homework which should be completed as a minimum of three times a week.	Monday	Monday
Spellings (to be practised in their spelling book using suggested activities or using Spelling Frame)	Essential homework where children will learn their spellings each week for a weekly test.	Monday	Monday
Times Tables (15 mins per week)	Essential homework where children will learn their times tables and complete on Times Tables Rockstars.	Monday	Monday
Project Homework	Extension homework which includes two options to be completed and the tasks may include maths, English or another subject. Two tasks should be completed. Children will have three weeks to complete this homework.	Monday	Monday

P.E.



This term in PE, the children will be taking part in swimming lessons, developing water confidence and essential swimming techniques. Alongside this, they will learn about fitness, focusing on understanding different muscle groups and how to keep their bodies strong, healthy, and active.

Maths



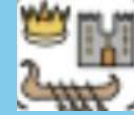
In Maths, we will be concentrating on mastering the 6, 7, 9 and 12 times tables. Children will explore and recognise patterns within these multiplication facts, learn to recall them fluently, and identify the matching division facts. This will help strengthen their number sense and confidence when tackling more complex problems.

Science



Our Science topic this term is Changing States. The children will investigate how materials change between solids, liquids and gases. Through hands-on experiments, they will explore melting, freezing, evaporation and condensation, learning how these processes appear in everyday life.

History



In History, we'll be exploring the enquiry question: Who were the Vikings – warriors, settlers or traders? The children will use evidence from different sources to build a balanced understanding of Viking life, discovering that these fascinating people were much more than just fierce fighters.

Religious Education



In RE, we will be learning about Epiphany and the role of the Wise Men in the Nativity story. The children will explore the significance of this event for Christians and reflect on themes of giving, guidance and discovery.

Art & Design



In Art, the children will be working with clay to create sculptures inspired by Henry Moore's Helmet Heads. They will explore Moore's use of form and texture, developing their own designs that reflect protection and identity. This project will help them build confidence in shaping and joining clay while experimenting with creative expression.

Computing



This term in Computing, the focus will be on developing word processing skills. The children will learn how to create, edit and format documents effectively, including using fonts, alignment, and images to enhance presentation. These skills will support their work across all subjects and help them become confident digital communicators.

Music



This term in Music, the children will be learning and rehearsing songs in ensembles for our Christmas production. They will focus on singing with expression, listening carefully to others, and working together as a group to create a polished and joyful performance.

Design



Technology

In DT, the children will be designing and building their own cam toys. They will investigate how cam mechanisms create movement, then plan, construct and decorate their toys. This project combines creativity with engineering, encouraging problem-solving and teamwork throughout the design process.

French

In French, the children will be learning how to talk about days of the week and months of the year. They will also practise saying the dates of important events, such as birthdays and festivals. Through songs, games and conversations, they will grow in confidence using these key phrases in everyday contexts.